



# WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Washoe County Administrative Complex  
Commission Chambers  
1001 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A  
Reno, Nevada 89512

and available via  
Zoom Webinar

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## PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS SCHEDULED ON THIS AGENDA

(Complete case descriptions are provided beginning on page four of this agenda.)

- **Abandonment Case Number WAB23-0002 (5854 Melarkey Abandonment)**
- **Tentative Subdivision Map Case Number WTM21-012 (Nine 47 Tahoe Condo)**
- **Abandonment Case Number WAB23-0004 (Maranatha Abandonment)**
- **Master Plan Amendment Case Number WMPA23-0004 and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number WRZA23-0005 (Diablo Drive and Main Street)**
- **Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP23-0020 (PRSEC Transmission Line)**

**Possible Changes to Agenda and Timing.** Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, removed from the agenda, or moved to the agenda of another later meeting. Items on this agenda may also be moved to or from the consent section. Items designated for a specified time will not be heard prior to the stated time but may be heard later.

**Public Comment.** Public comments are welcomed during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting and during public hearing and planning items and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

During the general public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting, speakers may address any matter either on or off the agenda, including items heard on the consent section of the agenda. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during public hearing and planning items and should be about the specific item being considered by the Commission. If an item is continued, then public comment will not be heard for that item until the date of the continued hearing.

Presentations and public comment for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Commission or by action of the Chair. All comments are to be directed to the Commission as a whole and not to one individual. Emails will be included in the record but will only be read aloud during the meeting subject to the chair's discretion and if time permits.

**Public Participation.** Any public wishing to present printed materials at the hearing must bring eight (8) printed copies. Any public wishing to show digital materials at the hearing (photos, presentation, etc.) must email the materials to Recording Secretary Brandon Roman ([broman@washoecounty.gov](mailto:broman@washoecounty.gov)) by 4:00 p.m. the business day immediately preceding the meeting. Staff cannot accept thumb drives.

Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only. To provide public comment via Zoom, log into the ZOOM webinar at the above link and utilize the "Raise Hand" feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press \*9 to "Raise Hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.

Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to [washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:washoe311@washoecounty.gov). The County will make reasonable efforts to send all email comments received by 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2023, to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

**Responses to Public Comments.** The Planning Commission may deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Commission. However, responses from Commission members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. To avoid this situation and to ensure that the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action, or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business.** The Planning Commission conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The Chair may order the removal of any person or group of persons whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

**Posting of Agenda.** Pursuant to NRS 241.020(4)(b), the Agenda for the Planning Commission has been posted at the Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg. A);

and has been electronically posted at [https://www.washoecounty.gov/csd/planning\\_and\\_development/board\\_commission/planning\\_commission/index.php](https://www.washoecounty.gov/csd/planning_and_development/board_commission/planning_commission/index.php); and <https://notice.nv.gov>.

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**Special Accommodations.** The facilities in which this meeting is being held are accessible to the disabled. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance (e.g., sign language interpreters or assisted listening devices) at the meeting should notify the Washoe County Planning and Building Division at (775) 328-6100 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

**Appeal Procedure.** Most decisions rendered by the Planning Commission are appealable to the Board of County Commissioners. If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission and you qualify as an aggrieved person/party, you may appeal the decision in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date that the decision being appealed is reduced to writing, filed with the Secretary of the Planning Commission, and mailed to the original applicant in the proceeding being appealed, in accordance with Washoe County Code. Please call the Planning staff immediately at (775) 328-6100 for information on the appeal procedure and application fee.

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum** [Non-action item]
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** [Non-action item]
3. **Ethics Law Announcement and Instructions for Providing Public Comment via Zoom/Telephone** [Non-action item]
4. **Appeal Procedure** [Non-action item]
5. **Public Comment** [Non-action item]

Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Planning Commission as a whole.
6. **Approval of the September 5, 2023, Agenda** [For possible action]
7. **Approval of the [August 1, 2023, Draft Minutes](#)** [For possible action]

Commission members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.
8. **EnvisionWashoe 2040 Master Plan - Update, presentation and discussion on status of Master Plan draft and public outreach. [Non-action item].**

## 9. Public Hearings [For possible action]

A. **Abandonment Case Number WAB23-0002 (5854 Melarkey Abandonment)** [For possible action] – For hearing, discussion, and possible action to abandon Washoe County’s interest in 220 square feet (a 10-foot-wide x 22-foot-long section) of a 33-foot-wide government patent easement along the southern boundary of the parcel at 5854 Melarkey Way (APN: 150-250-54).

- Applicant/Property Owner: Hershkowitz 2023 Living Trust, D & N
- Location: 5854 Melarkey Way
- APN: 150-250-54
- Parcel Size: 2.5 acres
- Master Plan: Rural Residential
- Regulatory Zone: High Density Rural (HDR)
- Area Plan: Southwest Truckee Meadows
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 806, Vacations and Abandonments of Easements or Streets
- Commission District: 2 – Commissioner Clark
- Staff: Courtney Weiche, Senior Planner  
Washoe County Community Services Department  
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.3608
- E-mail: cweiche@washoecounty.gov

B. **Tentative Subdivision Map Case Number WTM21-012 (Nine 47 Tahoe Condo)** [For possible action] – For hearing, discussion and possible action to approve a tentative subdivision map for a 40-unit residential condominium project, containing 830 square feet of professional office space, on an approximately two-acre site located at 941 and 947 Tahoe Blvd. in Incline Village, Nevada. The project area is comprised of two parcels: APN 132-231-09 is 1.389 acres and APN 132-231-10 is 0.598 acres. The parcels will be legally merged into a single parcel, then divided into 40 airspace condominiums with a 1.11-acre common area parcel.

- Applicant: Feldman Thiel, LLP
- Property Owner: PALCAP FFIF TAHOE 1, LLC
- Location: 941 and 947 Tahoe Boulevard (SR 28)
- APN: 132-231-10 and 132-231-09
- Parcel Size: 132-231-10: 1.389 ac; 132-231-09: .598 ac
- Master Plan: Incline Village Commercial – Special Area 1 (IV-C SA1)
- Regulatory Zone: Incline Village Commercial – Special Area 1 (IV-C SA1)
- Area Plan: Tahoe
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 608, Tentative Subdivision Maps
- Commission District: 1 – Commissioner Hill
- Staff: Courtney Weiche, Senior Planner  
Washoe County Community Services Department  
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.3608
- E-mail: cweiche@washoecounty.gov

C. **Abandonment Case Number WAB23-0004 (Maranatha Abandonment)** [For possible action] – For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve an abandonment of Washoe County’s interest in a portion (±2,769 SF) of a turnaround at the northwest corner of a parcel at 47 Maranatha Road.

- Applicant/Property Owner: Eric J. Lutz
- Location: 47 Maranatha Road
- APN: 046-031-58
- Parcel Size: 3.69 acres
- Master Plan: Rural Residential (RR)
- Regulatory Zone: High Density Rural (HDR)
- Area Plan: South Valleys
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 806, Vacations and Abandonments of Easements or Streets
- Commission District: 2 – Commissioner Clark
- Staff: Tim Evans, Planner  
Washoe County Community Services Department  
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.2314
- E-mail: tevens@washoecounty.gov

**D. Master Plan Amendment Case Number WMPA23-0004 and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number WRZA23-0005 (Diablo Drive and Main Street) [For possible action] –**

For hearing, discussion, and possible action to:

- (1) Approve an amendment to the High Desert Area Plan, a component of the Washoe County Master Plan, to change the master plan land use designation for a ±17.99-acre parcel (APN: 071-240-16) from Suburban Residential (SR) to ±4.0 acres (22%) Commercial (C), ±2.0 acres (11%) Industrial (I), and ±11.99 acres (67%) SR; and
- (2) Subject to final approval of the associated Master Plan Amendment by the Board of County Commissioners and a finding of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by regional planning authorities, recommend adoption of an amendment to the High Desert Regulatory Zone Map, to change the regulatory zone for a ±17.99-acres parcel (APN: 071-240-16) from Medium Density Suburban (MDS- 3 units per acre) to ±4.0 acres (22%) Neighborhood Commercial (NC), ±2.0 acres (11%) Industrial (I), and ±11.99 acres (67%) High Density Suburban (HDS- 7 units per acre);
- (3) And, if approved, authorize the chair to sign resolutions to this effect.

- Applicant/Property Owner: Gerlach General Improvement District (GID)
- Location: Off Diablo Drive & Main Street
- APN: 071-240-16
- Parcel Size: ±17.99 acres
- Existing Master Plan: Suburban Residential (SR)
- Proposed Master Plan: ±4.0 acres (22%) Commercial (C), ±2.0 acres (11%) Industrial (I), and ±11.99 acres (67%) SR
- Existing Regulatory Zone: Medium Density Suburban (MDS- 3 units per acre)
- Proposed Regulatory Zone: ±4.0 acres (22%) Neighborhood Commercial (NC), ±2.0 acres (11%) Industrial (I), and ±11.99 acres (67%) High Density Suburban (HDS- 7 units per acre)
- Area Plan: High Desert  
Authorized in Article 820, Amendment of Master Plan & Article 821, Amendment of Regulatory Zone
- Development Code: 5 – Commissioner Herman
- Commission District:

- Staff: Julee Olander, Planner  
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Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.3627
- E-mail: jolander@washoecounty.gov

**E. [Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP23-0020 \(PRSEC Transmission Line\)](#) [For possible action] – For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a special use permit for a major public facility use type for an extension of a 2-mile long, 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line within existing utility easements from NV Energy’s Fort Sage Substation through Washoe County to the California State Line. The applicant is also requesting to waive all landscaping requirements, and to vary the maximum height of 35’ to allow for structures to be 65’ in height. This project meets the standard for a project of regional significance because it entails construction of a transmission line that carries 60 kV or more. It will require approval by the regional planning authorities before any approval at the County level would take effect. This project also requires amendments to the Regional Utility Corridor Map to identify the location of the new transmission line. The amendments must be sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners and approved by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Authorities. This project will need to comply with all Federal and State approvals before any approval at the County level would take effect.**

- Applicant/Property Owner: Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC)
- Location: North of Indian Ln. & South Anaho Rd.
- APN: 074-061-24, 074-061-33, 074-061-32, 074-061-31, 074-061-30  
074-061-29, 074-061-39, 074-061-38, 074-061-37, 074-061-36  
074-062-39, 074-062-54, 074-062-55, 074-040-61, & 074-040-60
- Parcel Size: 10, 10.7, 10.8, 10.8, 10.9, 10.8,  
5, 5, 5, 5, 10, 10, 10, 558.1 &  
92.4 acres
- Master Plan: Rural (R)
- Regulatory Zone: General Rural (GR)
- Area Plan: High Desert
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 302 Allowed Uses, Article 810, Special Use Permits & Article 812 Projects of Regional Significance
- Commission District: 5 – Commissioner Herman
- Staff: Julee Olander, Planner  
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**10. Chair and Commission Items [Non-action item]**

- A. Future agenda items
- B. Requests for information from staff

**11. Director’s and Legal Counsel’s Items [Non-action item]**

- A. Report on previous Planning Commission items
- B. Legal information and updates

**12. Public Comment [Non-action item]**

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**13. Adjournment** [Non-action item]